

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A connecting element of thermoplastic material is provided for connection to a hollow body, such as an insert for a fuel tank. The connecting element or insert has the form of a component which lines a connection opening of the hollow body and/or forms a seat for a connection element.

- 5 The connecting element is produced by press shaping a laminate of thermoplastic material, preferably one which has low permeability for hydrocarbons by including at least one barrier layer in the laminate. The press shaping is carried out between two mating platens, preferably male and female mold portions. The laminate may be formed by co-extrusion of a multi-layer preform,
- 10 other in the press shaping step.